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***DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAMED FOR GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND BUDGETING
CEO of Arizona Chamber of Commerce Begins Position on October 2, 2006***

PHOENIX – James Apperson was named Deputy Director for Governor Napolitano's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB). He begins his new position October 2, 2006.

Apperson will resign his current position as President and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce to join the OSPB staff. Previously he has served as Executive Assistant to Governor Bruce Babbitt and Chief of Staff for Governor Rose Mofford, and has also worked for the Arizona House of Representative and the Arizona Corporation Commission. Additionally, Apperson has experience working for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and served as Manager of External Affairs for Southwest Gas Corporation.

Apperson's education includes a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Northern Arizona University.